

## **Public Health Alert**

DATE: December 9, 2022

Adult Bitten by Unknown Dog at Wellington Trace Apartments in Frederick, Maryland, on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Seeking Owner of Dog.

An adult male was bitten by an unknown dog on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at approximately 7:30 p.m. in front of 6710 Overton Circle at the Wellington Trace Apartments, Frederick, Maryland. The bite occurred when the victim reached down to pet the dog. The dog is described as a brown, English bulldog-type dog and was being walked on a leash by a Caucasian male with short gray hair.

Contact is needed to confirm the animal's health and whereabouts. The animal will be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, it will be allowed to resume normal activity, and the victim can avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. The Frederick County Health Department is asking that the owner or anyone who has information about the animal contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES for more information.



